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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT INCREASES TO 424,900 IN APRIL

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island increased by 2,700 in April as continued seasonal gains in the Nonmanufacturing sector overshadowed a slight decrease in manufacturing jobs, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island establishment employment totalled 424,900 in April. This represents a monthly gain of 2,700 jobs, and is 2,100 more than the April 1985 level of 422,800.

MANUFACTURING

Overall manufacturing employment decreased by 100 in the March-April period. However, the current figure of 119,400 is 1,700 greater than the year ago level of 117,700. In the Durable Goods sector, the April employment total of 81,800 showed an increase of 100 from the prior month, and was 1,000 above the figure recorded a year ago. The Nondurable Goods employment level of 37,600 was 200 below the March total, but advanced 700 compared to April 1985.

Within the Durable Goods category, the largest monthly job gain occurred in the Miscellaneous Manufacturing category (+200), followed by employment increases of 100 each in Lumber/Furniture, Stone-Clay-Glass and Jewelry-Silverware. In contrast, payroll decreases of 100 each were recorded in Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals, Transportation Equipment and Instruments. Employment levels in Nonelectrical Machinery and Electrical Machinery posted no change from March to April. Compared to a year ago, the most substantial

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SUMMER JOBS!

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE WILL HELP YOU FILL THEM

Summer Jobs '86 is the State's attempt to match those employers in Rhode Island who have summer job openings with the pool of job-seekers anxious to get one of them. The goal of the effort is to place as many young people as possible in the private sector as well as in State and local government. The openings will be listed at all offices of the Rhode Island Job Service and the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) program and any teenager is welcome to come into the nearest office to see what's available. Most of the jobs pay minimum wage – $3.35 per hour – others pay higher. At each local office of the Job Service, the young job-seeker can sit down at any easy-to-use microfilm viewer and review the hundreds of job openings currently available. Of course, there's no fee for any service offered by the Job Service to either job-seeker or employer.

The key to the success of the campaign is the support and response from the employer community in the public and private sector – that means you! By providing just a single job, you are giving a youngster the opportunity to do something meaningful this summer, to learn first-hand about the world of work, to contribute to the economy of the State and, most importantly, to feel good about himself or herself.

Employers with jobs to offer can list them with the Rhode Island Job Bank at 277-3588 or toll-free Enterprise 2265. Young people looking for work can dial a toll-free number – 1-800-462-5872 – for up-to-date information and to learn the location of the nearest office of the Rhode Island Job Service. Youngsters in the 14-17 age range who also want to work should contact the Call-A-Teen program through any Job Service office. Summer Jobs '86 – matching the summer job-seeker with employers needing them.

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave. 245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3546
NEWPORT COUNTY, 73 Valley Road
Middletown, ...847-3680
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services 277-3573
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction 277-3556
Professional & Clerical 277-3584
Temporary Help 277-3559
NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Road 294-9923
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. 231-5293
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't. Center
Tower Hill Road 789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. 737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street. 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St. 828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St. 762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

JOB BANK 277-3588
or . . . . . Enterprise 2265
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TJTC Job Orders. 277-3588
CALL-A-TEEN . . . Call your local Job Service Office
Project STEADY. 277-6813

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985
Total Placements	1,341	1,141	1,369
New Applications	3,064	3,118	2,827
New Openings Rec'd.	2,601	2,557	2,824

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	% Change Mar. 1986
Initial Claims	7,902	7,018	+ 12.6
No. of Payments	53,560	62,583	- 14.4
Amt. of Payments	$ 6,735,274	$ 8,172,208	- 17.6
Exhaustions	1,235	1,194	+ 3.4

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985
Initial Claims	3,654	3,618	3,417
No. of Payments	25,750	23,113	22,805
Amt. of Payments	$ 3,406,684	$ 3,019,550	$2,838,350

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	500.9	500.4	500.3
Unemployment	19.5	23.6	27.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.9	4.7	5.4
Seas. Adjusted Rate	3.8	4.3	5.2

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	324.9	323.4	324.1
Unemployment	14.6	16.9	17.9
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.5	5.2	5.5

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	165.3	164.0	160.2
Unemployment	9.4	9.4	10.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.7	5.7	6.4

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	33,100	32,565	32,115
Unemployment	1,310	1,505	1,410
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.0	4.6	4.4

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
FEBRUARY 17-21, 1986

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	17,010	100.0
Men	11,031	64.9
Under 45	8,513	77.2
45 and over	2,518	22.8
Women	5,979	35.1
Under 45	4,039	67.6
45 and over	1,940	32.4
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	3,706	21.8
Manufacturing	6,922	40.7
Public Utilities	716	4.2
Wholesale and Retail	2,518	14.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	297	1.7
Service	1,854	10.9
All Other	997	5.9
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,399	8.2
Clerical and Sales	3,077	18.1
Service	1,416	8.3
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	927	5.4
Processing	454	2.7
Machine Trades	1,416	8.3
Bench Work	2,098	12.3
Structural Work	4,178	24.7
Miscellaneous	2,010	11.8
INA	35	0.2

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	424.9	422.2	422.8	+ 2,700	+ 2,100
MANUFACTURING	119.4	119.5	117.7	- 100	+ 1,700
NONMANUFACTURING	305.5	302.7	305.1	+ 2,800	+ 400
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	14.4	13.6	14.5	+ 800	- 100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.7	13.6	13.8	+ 100	- 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	91.8	91.0	91.6	+ 800	+ 200
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	23.4	23.3	23.2	+ 100	+ 200
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	104.4	103.3**	103.5	+ 1,100	+ 900
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.8	57.9	58.5	- 100	- 700

1986 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1985 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGES					
	IN THOUSANDS			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1986	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1986	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1986	Apr. 1985
ALL MANUFACTURING	119.4	119.5	117.7	- 100	+1700	317.93	300.89	40.5	39.8	7.85	7.56
DURABLE GOODS	81.8	81.7	80.8	+100	+1000	319.52	302.08	40.6	39.8	7.87	7.59
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.9	2.8	2.9	+100	0	374.51	347.77	40.4	41.9	9.27	8.30
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.7	1.6	1.7	+100	0	393.30	366.0	40.0	40.0	9.83	9.15
PRIMARY METALS	6.1	6.2	5.7	- 100	+ 400	396.55	370.58	43.5	42.4	9.07	8.74
FABRICATED METALS	9.5*	9.6	9.4	- 100	+ 100	383.20	271.55	40.0	39.7	7.08	6.84
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.7*	5.7*	5.5	0	+ 200	435.38	410.21	44.7	43.5	9.74	9.43
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.1	12.1*	11.7	0	+ 400	302.99	281.78	41.0	38.6	7.39	7.30
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.6	9.7	9.9	- 100	- 300	422.87	431.57	40.7	41.9	10.39	10.30
INSTRUMENTS	5.6*	5.7*	5.5*	- 100	+ 100	310.49	305.14	40.8	41.8	7.61	7.30
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	22.4	22.3	22.7	+100	- 300	249.77	239.12	39.9	39.2	6.26	6.10
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.2	6.0	5.8	+200	+ 400	247.65	226.38	36.1	34.3	6.86	6.60
NONDURABLE GOODS	37.6	37.8	36.9	- 200	+ 700	315.93	297.00	40.4	39.6	7.82	7.50
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.2	3.2	3.0	0	+ 200	256.43	241.04	37.6	36.8	6.82	6.55
TEXTILES	10.7	10.8	10.6	- 100	+ 100	295.30	272.69	41.3	40.7	7.15	6.70
APPAREL	3.2	3.3	3.1	- 100	+ 100	277.53	240.66	42.5	38.2	6.53	6.30
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.6	2.6	2.5	0	+ 100	296.31	273.64	41.5	40.6	7.14	6.74
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.4	6.4	6.4	0	0	413.00	393.84	38.1	38.2	10.84	10.31
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.9	2.9	3.2	0	- 300	420.45	396.15	40.9	40.3	10.28	9.83
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0	329.94	317.25	42.3	42.3	7.80	7.50
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.6	5.6	5.3	0	+ 300	309.64	303.02	39.8	38.7	7.78	7.83
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.3	2.1	0	+ 200	224.87	215.95	40.3	40.9	5.58	5.28

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payroll gains were posted in Primary Metals, Electrical Machinery and in the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment (+400 each). Also up from their year ago employment totals were Nonelectrical Machinery (+200), Fabricated Metals (+100) and Instruments (+100). These increases more than offset annual downturns of 300 each in Transportation Equipment and Jewelry-Silverware. Employment in Lumber/Furniture and Stone-Clay-Glass was unchanged from the same month a year ago.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly job declines of 100 each were reported in Textiles and Apparel. The remaining Nondurable Goods industries remained at their March employment levels. On an annual comparison, payrolls in Plastics Products expanded by 300 workers. In addition, upturns of 200 each were evident in Food-Beverage and Leather Products, followed by gains of 100 each in Textiles, Apparel and Paper Products. For the twelve month period, the sole decline in the number of jobs occurred in Chemical Products (-300). Employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged compared to April 1985.

NONMANUFACTURING

Total employment in Rhode Island Nonmanufacturing establishments rose by 2,800 from March to April, primarily due to continued seasonal growth in Service, Trade and Contract Construction. The April non-factory employment level of 305,500 was 400 jobs above the year earlier figure of 305,100.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, the largest monthly increase was the addition of 1,100 workers to Service payrolls. At 104,400 this segment was also up 900 from a year ago. Both Wholesale and Retail Trade, at 91,800, and Contract Construction, at 14,400, reported seasonal job gains of 800 each during the month; the former was up 200 and the latter down 100 compared to their April 1985 levels. Overall Government employment declined by 100 from last month to the current total of 57,800, which was 700 less than the year ago figure. With a monthly job gain of 100, payrolls in Transportation and Public Utilities rose to 13,700 in April, but this represents a decrease of 100 compared to a year ago. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate employment, at 23,400, posted a monthly increase of 100 and an annual gain of 200.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production and related workers rose by 1 cent to $7.85 in April. This figure was up 29 cents compared to a year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.1 of an hour in April to 40.5 hours, but this was 0.7 of an hour higher than reported in April 1985. Average weekly earnings for these workers in April amounted to $317.93. While this represents a decline of 87 cents from last month, it is $17.04 more than the year earlier figure.

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